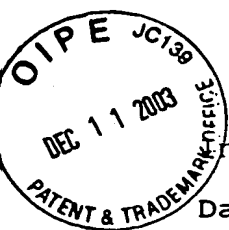


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in re the application of:

David JACOBS et al

Serial No: 09/602,024

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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Patent Office issued an Office Action on May 12, 2003. This Office Action did not reflect the entrance of the Preliminary Amendment filed January 15, 2003. A copy of the Preliminary Amendment, along with a date-stamped receipt card attesting to the receipt on January 15, 2003, is enclosed. It is respectfully requested that the Preliminary Amendment be entered and a new Office Action issued.

The application discloses and claims an automated provisioning system to automate information management for on-line services such as those provided via cable television network or broadband Internet connection. The claim is directed toward the activation of services on such a system and requires the use of an LDAP or X.500 compatible directory. Such features are neither disclosed nor suggested in U.S. Patents 6,442,547 or 6,105,066, cited by the Examiner. U.S. Patent 6,442,547 discloses a method for information management in a hybrid communication system and involves the integration of telephone networks with computer networks.

It is respectfully requested that the claims amended in the Preliminary Amendment be considered and a new Action be issued.

Respectfully submitted,

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination of the application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

Please replace the specification with the substitute specification. A marked-up copy of the specification, showing all additions and deletions, is enclosed.

In the Drawings:

Please replace the drawings with the new set of drawings corresponding to the substitute specification.

In the Claims:

Please cancel <sup>✓</sup>claims 1-17 and replace with new claims 18-30.



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: Marked-up & Substitute Specification; Replacement Drawings -  
Figures 1-8; New Claims 18-30

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